

## Monologues to return for fifth year production

By Kristen Manion  
Staff Writer

Now in its fifth year of production, the Vagina Monologues return to Salisbury University. The series was started by SU professor Dr. Chrys Egan as a part of the celebrations of Women's History Month, and has since become a tradition.

The Monologues were written by activist and playwright Eve Ensler, who is also famous for her other works, *The Good Body*, and her book *Insecure At Last*.

Ensler interviewed thousands of women about their vaginas and their experiences, and used these interviews as inspiration for her play. The Vagina Monologues have been performed in over 120 countries worldwide, and spread the message of ending violence against women, both young and old.

V-Day began as a part of the celebration of women and of raising awareness about violence against women all over the world.

In Salisbury, the production has raised over \$15,000 in the past five years to benefit the Life Crisis Center, a local shelter for female victims of domestic abuse. "It is incredible how little some people are aware of what a problem it is," said the director and senior Emily Jablonski. "The most



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important thing is that people need to be aware of these types of problems if we expect any change to occur."

This year's highlights include the 10th anniversary of V-Day, and a spotlight on the Katrina Warriors, women who survived Hurricane Katrina.

"We had no idea what the response would be like from SU and Salisbury," Dr. Egan said. "Thankfully, we had 300 people attend the first night."

Locally, the Monologues have attracted both positive and negative feedback. While the majority welcome the production, there are a few, Jablonski said, who "hear the word 'vagina' and think it is something vulgar. Little do they know what incredible stories are held within this play."

"The lingering message is that we forget the beauty, awe and power of women. A show like this reminds us how amazing our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, girlfriends, wives, friends, colleagues and all women truly are," Egan said.

The Vagina Monologues will be performed in the Wicomico Room on Friday, Feb. 15 and 16. Admission is \$6 per person, the funds going towards the Life Crisis Center of Salisbury. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

# Buyback cards prove to be more hassle than help

By Jonathan Moynihan  
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Almost every student has done it. Almost everyone has tried their best to somehow make a profit out of their collegiate textbooks. But in their feeble attempts to "stick it to the man," students usually are satisfied when they're given cold hard cash, regardless of the amount. It's a sad truth, but it's the truth.

Textbooks for college classes are one of the largest hits on a student's account, and the price to learn seems to increase with each passing term. In the past, armored cars, regulating police officers and extremely high cash flow have all characterized the program. However, last semester the SU Bookstore, along with MasterCard and three primary wholesale book companies, went electronic with their Buyback program, eliminating the armored cars, security precautions and, most importantly, the flow of cold hard cash.

"We want to stay on the cutting edge of serving our customers and the community," said Gerry Wood, SU Bookstore Textbook Manager.

The switch to electronics meant putting money on a MasterCard Buyback card, giving it the same feeling as a pre-paid credit card. The initial change was met with cheers, but those cheers soon turned to jeers as the complications of implementing a new system arose. Finger pointing began and much of the student body



Sarah Wright photo

The SU Bookstore hoped that the new Buyback program would enhance security measures; instead, it caused a lot of headaches.

shoved the blame onto SU and the bookstore, when in fact it is the major wholesale book companies and MasterCard that are to blame.

"Buyback programs always have a sponsor that supplies cash and textbooks such as large wholesale book companies, but the assumption is that SU covers it," Wood said. "We work very carefully with each sponsoring company to work out the buyback."

Nebraska Book Company, MBS (a wholesale division of Barnes and Noble), and the Follett Higher

Education Group are the three main sponsors working with the SU Bookstore.

"It was these sponsors that partnered with MasterCard to create the new electronic system," Wood said, "not Salisbury."

Big wholesale companies run the buyback programs in order to get their books out and to ensure the constant flow of buying and selling used textbooks. Many assumed that SU had partnered with MasterCard to create a more profitable program;

however Lisa Gray, SU Bookstore Director, ensures that is not the case. "There is absolutely no connection between SU and MasterCard at all," she said.

Gray and Wood together declared that the main reason for the switch came from a need for better security, and because of the difficulties of having enough money on hand to pay every student in cash. "We have a lot of difficulty planning and getting the money," Gray said. "The last thing local banks want to do is handle money."

In addition to the issue that arises when handling the large sums of cash, banks are practically unable to harbor the substantial amount. Most banks have a monetary limit of how much money they can keep in their vault. This amount of money would exceed the vault limit of any local bank in the area, Wood said.

By eliminating the cash flow and transferring it electronically, we are able to ensure a more private use of the money as well as decreasing the probability of theft, said Gray. Unfortunately, the hope of creating a more consumer-friendly system seemed to backfire as more and more students encountered difficulties as they tried to access their buyback money.

"The majority of the issues were education based, in not knowing how to use the card," Gray said. She said the card itself said debit only, but the

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## SU introduces plans for new Success Center in the GUC



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The new Writing Center in the GUC

By Alex Ruoff  
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SU has announced plans to renovate the second story of the Guerrieri University Center for the addition of the new Center for Student Achievement (CSA).

"The University is always looking for ways to help students succeed in their goals," Vice President for Student Affairs Ellen Neufeldt said in an e-mail. "And the Achievement Center will be a valuable addition in assisting students with their educational aspirations."

The new success center will be used to develop the educational experience and success of all SU students, Neufeldt said. It will collaborate with other student service offices such as Student Affairs, Career Services, Counseling Services, and the University Writing Center.

"Research has shown that Student Success rates (graduation and retention) are improved by centers such as this," Neufeldt said. "This center is intended to provide assistance for students in areas such as research, study skills, expanded tutoring and time management. It is intended to function best in collaboration with many other offices on campus acting as a clearing house for many student needs."

According to the 2006 SU Foundations of Excellence Task Force report that recommended the new academic achievement center, the CSA will function from a central location to promote awareness of academic services available for SU students and retention of academic materials through programs and services aimed at enhancing student performance, as well as engagement with course work, to increase students' potential for success and degree completion.

To achieve this central location, SU has placed the CSA on the second story of the GUC near the Writing Center.

"The University Center will face some changes with this new addition," said Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, director of the GUC. "The spirituality center has been moved and combined with the multicultural room, the old spirituality center has been expanded and is now the Writing Center, and the old Writing Center (Herb's Place) will become the Center for Student Achievement. Everyone should have more room for their programs now."

SU will spend the spring and summer semesters continuing conversations with students, faculty and staff to identify a director and continue to obtain information on what services would best serve the student body, Neufeldt said.

# More changes for the SU campus

By Steven Reddick  
Staff Writer

The towering new structure on the northeast corner of Salisbury University has shed its blue and yellow Tyvek cocoon to usher in a change for many students in the semester to come.

According to an SU press release, the Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) building will be the future home of the Seidel School of Education, leaving Caruthers Hall as the temporary home for the Perdue School of Business.

While math and science majors will remain relatively unaffected, the psychology department will be moving from its home in Allenwood to Holloway Hall, previously the home of the Perdue School. The art studio in the Delmarva Gymnastics Academy (DGA) building will be relocated to Fulton Hall while the DGA building will be demolished for the new parking garage.

The University is changing and expanding not only physically, but academically, as well. The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts will be divided to create the Department of Theatre and Dance. The Department of Sociology will subdivide its student/major population to create the Department of Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution, as well.

Some students have mixed feelings about the changes.

"I think it's good that the



Sarah Wright photo

As the TETC (shown above) nears completion, SU officials make plans for other campus renovations.

University is growing. It gives more people a chance to go to Salisbury and become teachers. We always need more teachers," said junior Jon Zlatos.

While the expansions certainly provide more student opportunities in many areas, others do not necessarily see the University's growth as the best way to provide that opportunity or are skeptical about what's involved.

"I am overwhelmingly supportive and optimistic of university expansion to allow others to experience this wonderful university," said senior Kyle Sherman. "Let's just hope, however, that the incompetent city government and the geniuses in charge of funding a parking garage, while boasting a

"go green" hypocrisy, are not the ones making the innovative decisions on where funding for this growth is occurring. Or any meaningful decisions, for that matter."

Many students from the Perdue school feel fairly sour about the moving process. Some see the relocation as a step down in the prestige of the business school.

"Moving the department to Caruthers is like selling a luxury car and buying a used station wagon. Caruthers is the most decrepit building on campus and no one wants to be located there. I'm just glad that I will have graduated by then," said senior Blake Sutherland, in the business school.

Students are not the only reluctant tenants. Much of the Perdue School faculty and staff are somewhat displeased about the change as well.

"We will do what we can to renovate and renew Caruthers to make it as suitable a home for the Perdue School as we can, but in the end, it's still Caruthers Hall," said provost Tom Jones in an e-mail sent to faculty and staff.

Though it may be a step down in accommodations for the business school, the current Caruthers Hall will only be a loaner until the real transition happens. Caruthers Hall is scheduled for a massive overhaul which will be completed by 2011 and will be the final destination of the business school.

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# News briefs

## Guerrieri University Center to host various spring activities

## Crime beat

**Cavaglia-Harris Continues 2008 "Mind Shrapnel"** Series Migration and adaptation—such is the story of many farmers in Rondônia, Brazil. Dr. Jill Cavaglia-Harris, economics faculty at Salisbury University, speaks on land-use patterns along the Amazon during an installment of the Bellanca Honors Program's spring 2008 "Mind Shrapnel" series. The topic of her talk is "Shades of Green: Lessons from Fieldwork in the Brazilian Amazon."

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Returns to SU February** The history and flair of one of the nation's most celebrated choreographers returns to Salisbury University's Holloway Hall Auditorium Thursday-Friday, Feb. 21-22, as the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre presents the Ailey II Dance Company. Tickets are required and may be picked up in advance at the Information Desk of the Guerrieri University Center starting Monday, February 4, with a limit of two per person.

**Inaugural SU Distinguished Lecture in Dance February 21** Great dances have long been regarded as works of art. However, the movement of dance itself is much more than that, reaching into the realms of both cultural heritage and self-expression. That's just one of the messages Dr. Charmaine Patricia Warren delivers as Salisbury University's inaugural Distinguished Lecturer in Dance 7 p.m. Thursday, February 21, in Holloway Hall Auditorium.



The GUC Fireside Lounge (shown above) will host this spring's student events. [It] is also a great place for commuter students to hang out in between classes.

By Michel Elben  
Staff Writer

The Guerrieri University Center is buzzing with activities this spring.

Already helping you steal the heart of your special someone, the event coordinators and staff of the GUC have set up Valentine's Day fun Thursday, Feb. 14, from 12-3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. You can decorate cookies as a cheap and easy gift for your girlfriend or make bracelets to show a little love to your friends.

Ping-Pong League sign-ups are beginning. Sign-up sheets are located at the Information Desk. The League bounces in every Wednesday, beginning this

Wednesday night the 13, from 7-9 p.m. Come out and see how badly you can paddle your opponent.

Brian Lind, Day Manager for Guerrieri University Center said, "78 percent of Salisbury's students are commuters."

If you are sick of studying between classes, stop in to Guerrieri instead of wasting your gas and driving home.

"As a transfer student, I've found the information center very helpful. The GUC events have been a nice little break from the library," said junior Candice Fralish Hales.

The GUC staff will also host a Presidents' Trivia afternoon on Monday Feb. 18 from 12-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Grab some lunch after class and test your

presidential knowledge.

This is the second semester for new GUC events. It began last fall with fresh ideas and new activities.

"The goal is to bring more students into the Guerrieri Center," said Caitlin Tyler, GUC events assistant. She deemed last semester's events as "very successful."

Last Sunday, Feb. 3, the GUC hosted a very successful Superbowl party. While they did not expect a very big turnout, over sixty people arrived to celebrate the occasion. The attendees played trivia, appreciated and celebrated the game, received fun prizes, and of course, enjoyed free food and drink.

Come out to GUC and meet other students, play the video

games offered at the information desk, sing karaoke, or own someone at old-school board games.

The GUC's the place to watch college basketball this spring. They've got the big screen and the big leather sofa in the Fireside Lounge that makes it a great place to kick back with your friends and watch the big games.

Take advantage of the opportunities the GUC has to offer. You never know what you could be missing.

If you'd like more information about GUC events, you can find postings on eSU News, Campus Digest, SUV and various posters around campus. You can also stop by the Information Desk or GUC Room 222.

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2:00 a.m.-2:30 a.m.  
Malicious Destruction of Property

A student reported his roommate damaged his guitar in a dispute. The student did not wish to press criminal charges against the roommate. The roommate agreed to pay for the damages to the guitar.

02/02/08  
11:53 p.m.-11:58 p.m.  
Alcohol Violation

A University Police officer observed an intoxicated student passed out in the Guerrieri University Center, the student was transported to PRMC for treatment.

02/02/08  
11:30 p.m.-11:59 p.m.  
Theft

A student reported currency was stolen from a bedroom at an off campus residence.

12/14/07-02/04/08  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Theft

A student reported a bicycle was stolen from the bike rack located near St. Martin Hall. The bicycle was locked to the rack with a cable style lock.

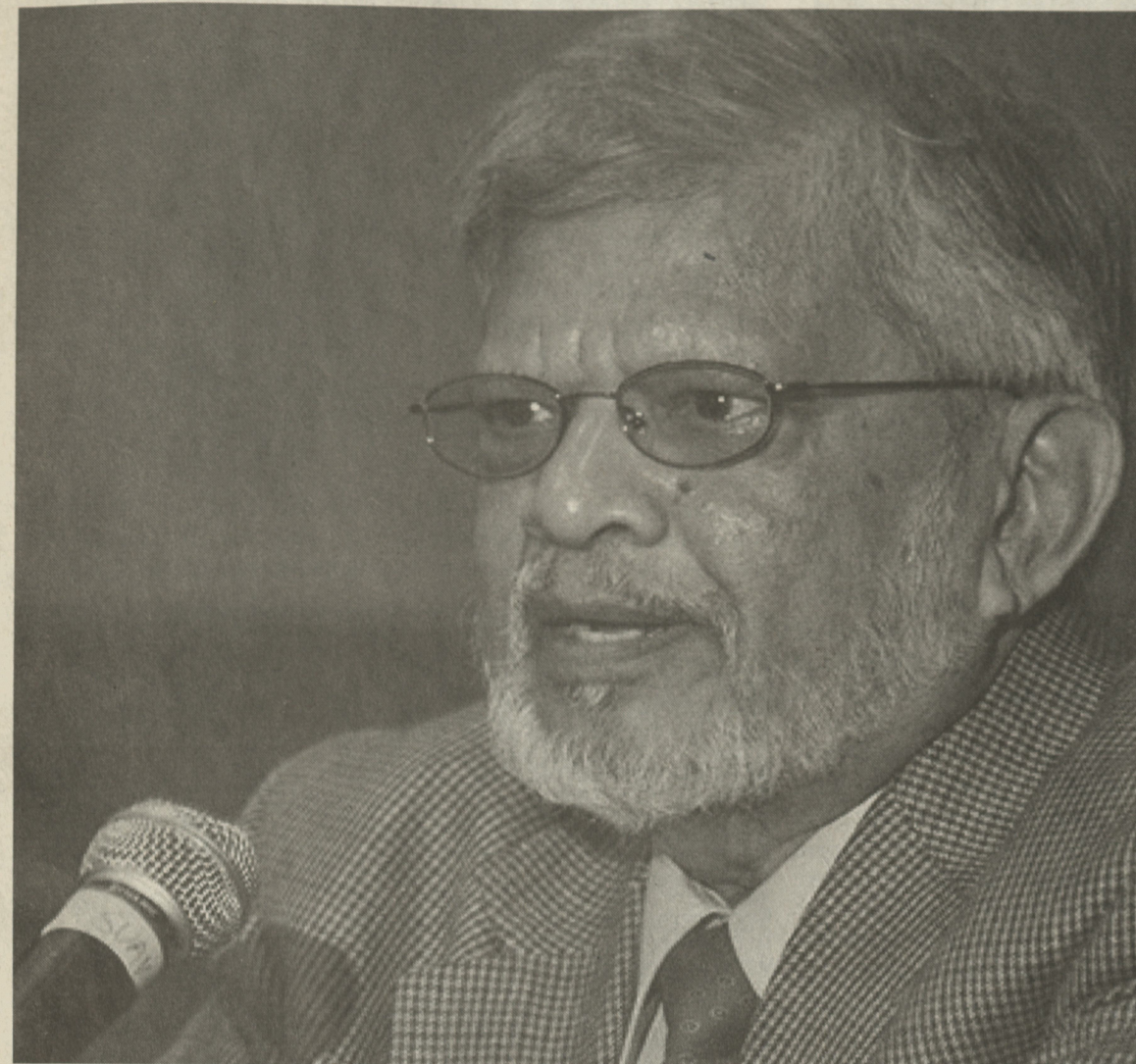
02/06/08  
7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Theft

A student reported a duffel bag was stolen from Maggs Gym. The duffel bag had been left unattended.

# GLOBAL

## Arun Gandhi resigns from Institute

## Controversial blog receives immense criticism



Dr. Arun Gandhi resigns from the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, of which he was president and cofounder. By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of legendary nonviolence advocate Mahatma Gandhi and previous Conflict Resolution Scholar-in-Residence for the Center of Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution at Salisbury University,

faces deep criticism for comments made about current Israel relations on a Washington Post blog.

Last semester Dr. Gandhi taught a course titled "Gandhi on Personal Leadership and Nonviolence" and was the featured guest lecturer in the "One Person Can Make a Difference" lecture series at SU.

"Gandhi's lectures on nonvi-

olence, as they were when he taught at Salisbury University, were heart changing and motivating. His lessons highlighted our cultural conditioning of violence, and helped us see the light of nonviolence and its endpoint of peace," said senior Randon Ryland, who took the course with Dr. Gandhi last semester and also studied under him in

India this past winter.

Recently, Dr. Gandhi posted on his blog through the Washington Post's Web site his opinion on current Israel and Jewish relations in reference to their focus on violence and not letting go of past occurrences like the Holocaust.

Gandhi said, "It is a very good example of how a community can overlay a historic experience to the point that it begins to repulse friends."

Dr. Gandhi also said, "Any nation that remains anchored to the past is unable to move ahead and, especially a nation that believes its survival can only be ensured by weapons and bombs."

The blog posting caused a great upheaval and backlash from the Jewish community. Comments such as, "This is anti-Semitic trash and blatantly offensive" and "Yet more pure garbage from the Washington Post Garbage Machine!" could be found on the blog in response to Dr. Gandhi's comments.

Due to the negative reactions Gandhi wrote on his blog an apology for his "poorly worded response." In this piece he describes how he had no intention to cause unnecessary hurt and anger, and clarified some of the points he made in the previous posting.

Dr. Gandhi also felt the need to resign from the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, at the University of Rochester in New York, of which he was president and cofounder. With many of the financial backers of the institute being from Jewish descent, his blog was not taken lightly at the institute.

The president of the University of Rochester, Joel Seligman, released a statement to the Washington Post on Jan. 11 in response to Dr. Gandhi's opinion piece.

"I was surprised and deeply disappointed by Arun Gandhi's recent opinion piece in the Washington Post blog, *On Faith*. I believe that his subsequent apology inadequately explains his stated views, which seem fundamentally inconsistent with the core values of the University of Rochester," stated Seligman.

Ryland was there with Gandhi in India when he found out about the anger his blog had created.

"The uproar started during the last week of our session. Gandhi handled his situation with a grace that allowed him to effectively continue to teach nonviolence and have a positive and genuine attitude toward his students," Ryland said.

In an e-mail to Ryland, Dr. Gandhi told him his hope that this will spark debate around college campuses.

"A dispassionate debate on what I wrote, the reactions, the fact of how this contributes to violence everywhere and what is the alternative?" said Dr. Gandhi in the e-mail.

Ryland plans to work with the Philosophy and Conflict Resolution Club to host a debate where students can share their opinions and feelings on the professor and his comments.

"Arun-ji has built a relationship here at Salisbury University," said Ryland, "and students should have a right to speak for our professor and friend."

## HISTORY CORNER

**FEBRUARY 12 1999. President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the U.S. Senate in his impeachment trial.**

**FEBRUARY 13 1866. Jesse James and his gang commit the first armed bank robbery in U.S. history.**

**FEBRUARY 14 1899. Voting machines are approved by the U.S. Congress for use in federal elections.**

**FEBRUARY 15 1946. ENIAC, the first general purpose electronic computer, is unveiled at the University of PA.**

**FEBRUARY 16 1959. Fidel Castro becomes Premier of Cuba.**

**FEBRUARY 17 1936. The world's first superhero, The Phantom, makes his first appearance in comics.**

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BOOKSTORE payment option had to be credit. This caused confusion at retail stores because the cashiers would select debit, forcing the students to type in a pin number that didn't exist.

Additional difficulties arose when students had trouble using the cards at ATMs and gas pumps. According to Wood, the cards weren't able to be processed at gasoline pumps due to the system they use. He said they decline all cards with less than \$75 on it due to a processing system, and because the majority of the Buyback

cards had less than \$75 on them, the wholesalers and MasterCard disabled them. This required the students to go inside and use the card inside the store. Needless to say, students were frustrated.

Large retail stores, specifically Wal-Mart, experienced major glitches when students tried to use their cards. Wal-Mart was limiting what a student could purchase, only allowing health-care related items, Gray said. She said there was a major glitch in MasterCard's system that placed an improper program into the buyback

system. It was caused by a new software upgrade made by major retailers on Jan. 1, and that was the main cause for all of the problems at Wal-Mart and Target. "It was like somebody flipped a switch and caused all these problems, and that's exactly what happened," Gray said.

The issues could have been easily averted by better educating the students. Even though students had difficulties with the new Buyback program, the SU Bookstore still considers it a success. "Relative to the number of cards we gave out, a very small per-

centage of our customers had problems that we know of," Wood said. However, both Gray and Wood still acknowledge the need for improvements so that the upcoming Buyback program goes as smoothly as possible. "We work for the students," Gray said. "All that we do is in the best interest of the students, and not necessarily for the profit of the university."

"The biggest challenge has been the technicalities. Now we know how to do that, so we can focus on the customers we serve, and the usefulness of the card," Wood said.

## Salisbury named one of the 100 Best Communities for young children

By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

For the third year in a row the city of Salisbury and Wicomico County have been named one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance and its only county and city honored in Maryland.

There were 750 participants from more than 300 communities in all 50 states including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and of that only 44 communities have ever won three years in a row.

America's Promise was formed to help ensure that children were receiving the five promises: caring adults, safe place, a healthy start, an effective education and opportunities to help others.

With these five promises children will hopefully be able to lead healthy, productive lives and build a stronger society. The annual competition recognizes outstanding communities that are the best places for young people to live and grow up.

To enter, communities had to complete an application based upon research from the National Academies of Science, Search Institute and the Academy for Educational Development and Child Trends. They were scored on how effectively they provided children with the five promises and what specific programs they had created to help young people graduate high school.

"The 100 Best competition is more important than ever because it's become harder for cities and towns to focus on the needs of their children with all the challenges facing them and we see the impact of this in our dismal high school graduation rates," said Marguerite Kondracke, president and CEO of

America's Promise Alliance.

Salisbury has its own sector of America's Promise Alliance, located in the Camden House, works closely with the AmeriCorps program at SU to provide the five promises as well as opportunities for youth to serve the community.

Some of the most recent endeavors have been Gimme Five Youth Day, a youth carnival designed to introduce underserved children to programs that provide the five promises and Kids Café, an after school program with tutoring and a healthy meal run by Salisbury Urban Ministries. Coming up in April at the Salisbury Festival, CANstruction, will help young people collect canned goods and build structures then donate them to the Maryland Food Bank.

Dr. George Whitehead, psychology professor at SU and Chair of Salisbury's Promise, said he was "delighted and thrilled to have won such an honor three years in a row. It's credit to good service and hard work the people of Salisbury do."

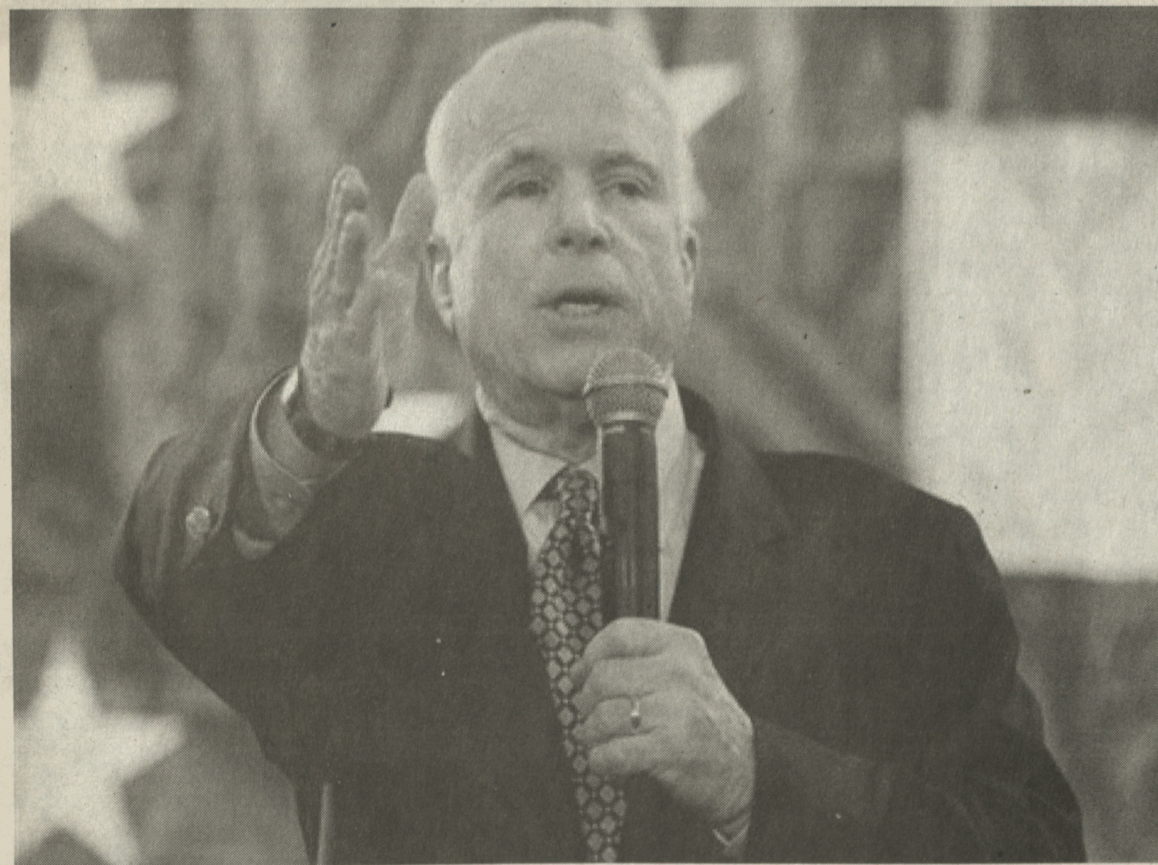
Because of this award the city of Salisbury and Wicomico County will be eligible to apply for \$300,000 in grants from America's Promise.

Student organizations or individuals that want to get more involved in community work can contact the Shore CAN Volunteer Center GUC Rm. 133, 410-546-6015.



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## Update on the road to the White House



Senator John McCain won 40 percent of the votes in Tuesday's election, making him Republican front-runner.

By Sean Gossard  
News/Global Editor

Following the primary elections last Tuesday, Feb. 5, it appears that Sen. John McCain will be the republican presidential nominee while Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are still in an even race for the democratic nomination.

In Tuesday's election McCain won about 40 percent of the votes with Mitt Romney winning 31 percent and Mike Huckabee winning 21 percent.

On Thursday Romney decided to suspend his race for the presidency stating, "If I fight on in my campaign, all the way to the convention, I would forestall the launch of a national campaign and make it more likely that Senator Clinton or Obama would win," at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington.

As of Tuesday McCain had 707 delegate votes while Huckabee had 195; it takes 1,191 delegate votes to win the party's nomination.

Huckabee has been a favorite among social conservatives but that has not been enough to get him votes. Many of those same social conservatives have criticized McCain for his more independent leanings during his career.

The other side of the race is not as clear cut. Obama and Clinton are still even after Super Tuesday's results.

In Tuesday's primary Hillary Clinton won three of the major states: California, New York and Massachusetts. Obama, on the other hand, won the majority of the states, totaling 13.

Thus far voters are evenly split over Clinton and Obama with Clinton taking 50.2 percent of the votes and Obama taking 49.8 percent.

According to a recent CNN poll, Hillary Clinton has 1,108 delegate votes and Obama has 1,049 votes. 2,025 votes are needed for the democratic nomination.

To date, Obama has spent \$85 million and Clinton has spent \$80 mil-

lion on their campaigns. On the republican side Romney, who dropped from the race, has spent \$87 million. McCain, who leads in votes, has spent only \$39 million and Huckabee, who is well behind, spent \$7 million.

Each candidate has taken a clear stance on hot topic issues.

On immigration, Hillary Clinton backed President Bush's immigration legislation which would raise funds and bring in new technology for border security. Obama felt the same way as Clinton and voted to build a 700-mile-long fence across the Mexican border. McCain also agreed with this legislation. Huckabee, however, voted to give some illegal immigrants citizenship instead of deporting them which he called "unworkable."

Another hot issue is education. Clinton, if elected, would end the No Child Left Behind legislation which was created in 2002 by the Bush administration. She would also support early childhood learning and try

to cut minority drop out rates in half. Obama plans to revise the No Child Left Behind Act to ensure all students access to high technology education and expert teachers.

McCain voted for the No Child Left Behind Act and stated in a GOP debate, "We need more charter schools. We need vouchers where it's approved by the local, state school boards. We need to have, clearly, home schooling if people want that... We need to reward good teachers and find bad teachers another line of work."

Another controversial issue is abortion. Clinton plans on creating the Freedom of Choice Act, if elected into office, and supports the Supreme Courts decision in Roe v. Wade.

Obama feels the same as Clinton and opposes any amendment to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision.

McCain believes Roe v. Wade is flawed and he supports legislation that would deny funding to organizations which perform abortions. Huckabee would support any legislation that protects the right to life.

On Iraq, Clinton voted for the war but now states she would have voted differently had she known the outcome. She also voted to try to get troops out of Iraq. Obama opposed the use of force in Iraq since the beginning, stating that Saddam Hussein was a "bad man" but was no threat to the U.S. Obama supported phased redeployment of troops in Iraq and voted to start getting troops home by the end of 2006.

McCain has so far voted with and approved of Bush's legislation regarding the Iraq war. Huckabee has opposed legislation to cut funding to the Iraq war.

All of this will come down to both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions scheduled to take place on Aug. 25-28 and Sept. 1-4.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, primaries will be held in Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. and on March 4 Texas, Ohio, Vermont and Rhode Island will hold primary elections.

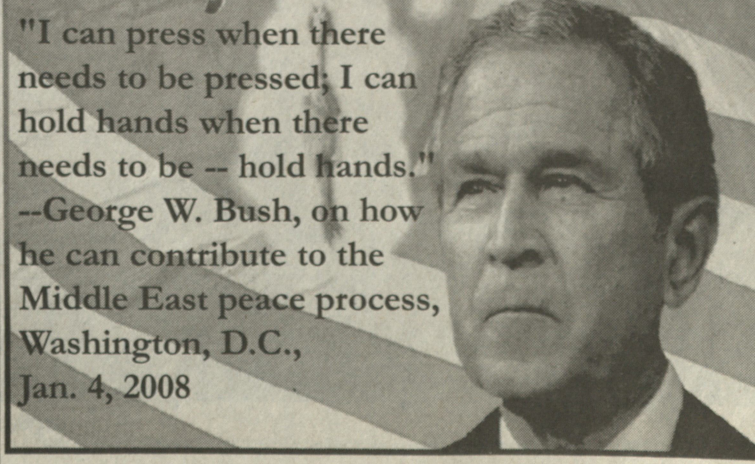
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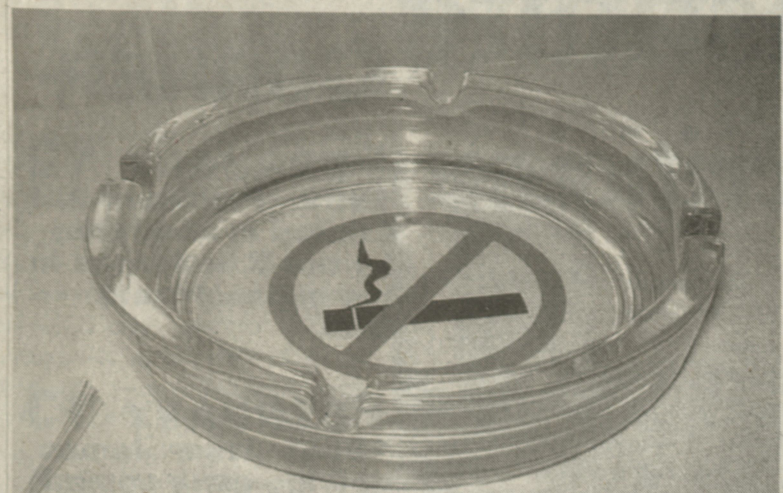
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"I can press when there needs to be pressed; I can hold hands when there needs to be -- hold hands." --George W. Bush, on how he can contribute to the Middle East peace process, Washington, D.C., Jan. 4, 2008





# Smoke Free Maryland goes into full effect



Internet photo

By Brandon Smith  
Staff Writer

If you walked into any Maryland restaurants this week, you may have noticed something missing from the atmosphere: smoke.

The Smoke Free Maryland campaign's anti-smoking legislation came into effect last week on Feb. 1. The bill, which was passed on April 29, 2006, with strong support from Governor Martin O'Malley, is one of the nation's most comprehensive anti-smoking legislations.

State Senator Garagiola and Delegate Barbara Frush, along with co-sponsors, introduced the bill in order to protect restaurant employees and patrons and prevent deaths from secondhand smoke.

The wording of the bill states that all indoor restaurants, bars and private clubs will go smoke free on Feb. 1, 2008.

If businesses find it too difficult to make the transition, the bill does allow them to request a hardship waiver from their local health department. Final approval of the hardship waiver, however, goes through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in partnership with the State Comptroller Peter Franchot. All waivers expire in 2011.

The manager of Break Time Bar and Grill, Jinya Bennett, said the new legislation has meant a lot of extra work for the establishment. In order to comply with the health mandates of the bill, Break Time had to steam clean the floors and carpets, scrub the walls and clean all the lighting in the building.

Bennett also stated, "the burden of the transition falls on Break Time and we receive no support from the state to meet the newly mandated health code stated in the bill."

As for the effect on business, she said, "It's hard to tell whether or not the bill will have a negative outcome since it's only been in effect for a week."

"The sentiment on the bill among restaurant patrons has been mixed, mostly split along party lines: smokers and non-smokers. SU student Derek Chell, a non-smoker, said, "I like the bill because when you go out to the bar you don't have to come back smelling like a cigarette. If smoking is that important to you, you can always go outside instead of annoying the non-smokers who came to drink."

Another Salisbury student, Tyler Goldstein, opposed the view. "I feel like smoking in a restaurant is bad because it's a family environment, but when you're in a bar you expect smoking. It's always been that way."

It's a place to relax and if you don't like it then avoid the places where you know smokers will be. Plus, I don't feel like the state has the right to interfere with a business' decision to make their establishment smoking or non-smoking."

Maryland House Delegate for district 37B, Jeannie Haddaway, an SU alumnus, gave her legislative view of the bill. While she is philosophically opposed to Smoke Free Maryland on the grounds of business rights, she understands the health concerns that the people of Maryland are worried about given the negative effects of tobacco.

According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Smoking is estimated to be responsible for around 438,000 deaths or one out of every five deaths each year. This statistic includes approximately 38,000 deaths from secondhand exposure. Secondhand smoke contains at least 250 chemicals known to be toxic, including more than 50 that can cause cancer. Breathing secondhand smoke has immediate harmful effects on the cardiovascular system that can increase the risk of heart attack, and people who already have heart disease are at an even greater risk. More deaths are caused each year by tobacco than by HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides and murders combined according to the CDC's Web site <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/>.

The CDC has also gone on the record as saying there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, which is why the Smoke Free Maryland Bill was drafted in order to protect restaurant/bar employees who can spend up to eight hours a day in a smoke-filled environment.

With the bill passed, Maryland joins 17 other states that have enacted Smoke Free Legislation.

American businesses that buy new equipment this year to deduct an additional 50 percent of the cost of their investment in 2008. This part of the package should encourage businesses to expand and create new jobs by buying new equipment, software and tangible property which is tax deductible.

The plan was originally proposed to be worth \$140 to \$150 billion but was changed in the House and should cost \$168 billion over two years instead of the \$161 billion for the original House plan. At least \$152 billion would be put into the economy this year in order to cause an immediate and swift effect.

The plan will have the greatest impact on low income families. The economic package includes direct and rapid income relief for the American people and allows for them to use the money as they see fit for such purposes as daily expenses.

"Letting Americans keep more of their own money should increase consumer spending, and lift our economy at a time when people otherwise might spend less," Bush said.

The reason why we need this economic plan is because of the slowing economy. According to a press release from the White House, "Our economy has a solid foundation, but there are areas of real concern." The areas of concern mentioned in the press release were the slowing pace of jobs being created, the housing market decline, the cost of imported oil and the increase in costs for everyday expenses.

It is thought that our economy will continue to grow over the coming years but at a much slower pace than normal. If the housing and financial markets continue in a downward trend then there might be concerns for the health of our economy in the future.

Bush's economic plan is based on the idea that it must be large enough to make a difference in an economy as large and vibrant as ours. It is thought that it must be at the smallest amount, 1 percent of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product). It has also been designed to cover lots of areas and provide a direct effect on economic growth. It was built on the notion that it must be temporary and take effect right away.

The House moved much faster than normal when it came to the new economic package. It was given final approval on Thursday, Feb. 7.

The package was favored by Democrats; the Senate voted 81 to 16 after adding 20 million Social Security recipients and 250,000 disabled veterans who would not have qualified earlier. The House approved these changes right away with a vote

# Bhutto assassination throws Pakistan into further turmoil

By Kristen Manion  
Staff Writer

On Dec. 27, 2007, former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, the first woman to lead an Islamic nation, was killed in an al-Qaeda attack.

Since the end of her term as prime minister, Bhutto was an ardent supporter of democracy in Pakistan and the leader of the Pakistani People's Party founded by her father. During her two terms as prime minister, she took on major reform initiatives, including policies for the equal treatment of women.

Mourners met in her ancestral village in southern Pakistan to end the 40-day mourning period.

Bhutto came from a long line of political leaders. Her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was prime minister of Pakistan in the 1970s. His term came to an abrupt end when, following a coup, he was brought up "on charges of conspiring to murder a political opponent" and was later hanged.

Benazir took over as chairman of the Pakistani People's Party and led in her father's place.

She served as prime minister twice, from 1988 to 1990 and from 1993 to 1996. On both occasions, "she was dismissed from office by the president for alleged corruption," according to the BBC.

In both separate cases, Bhutto vehemently denied the allegations, claiming they were "politically motivated" and the cases were never brought to court.

Distrust followed until she was anointed in Oct. 2007 and allowed to return to Pakistan after having left in 1999.

Analysts at the time stated that the "military regime saw her as a natural ally in its efforts to isolate religious forces and their surrogate militants" and the international community saw her as an ally in

the war against terror.

After Bhutto spoke at a rally in Rawalpindi in support of the upcoming elections that were slated to occur in Jan., she was led down to an armored vehicle.

According to a Scotland Yard report, a lone gunman, "whose image was captured in numerous photographs at the scene, also caused the explosion," said the officials. Pakistani authorities originally said there were two assailants and later reported that "an additional two suspects" had been arrested.

Later autopsy reports stated she had died of a skull fracture. Doctors claimed she suffered the fracture after she tried to duck back into the vehicle to avoid gunshots. She was shot in the back of the neck and the chest by a gunman who later committed suicide by activating a bomb that was strapped to his body, killing 20 and injuring many more.

Benazir Bhutto was laid to rest in a mausoleum next to her father and two brothers.



Internet photo

"She could've made a lot of difference for that country," said SU sophomore Justin McCoy.

Given the unrest in Pakistan following her death, many are concerned that more violence is eminent, as SU sophomore Mike Marfut stated, "It's a time bomb waiting to happen."

"It's always tragic when someone like that passes away," says Zachary Hancy, senior, and president of Amnesty International on campus.

The human rights organization has officially condemned the assassination. President George W. Bush called it a "cowardly act by murderous extremists" and he encouraged Pakistan's people to continue on with her legacy.

Prime Minister Bhutto is survived by her husband and three children. Bilawal Bhutto, Benazir's 19-year-old son, was selected by the Pakistani People's Party as successor to his mother's position. He is expected to take up the position following his graduation from Oxford University.

# Bush's economic stimulus plan is approved

By Katie Murphy  
Staff Writer

"We can provide a shot in the arm to keep a fundamentally strong economy healthy," President Bush believes that his new economic growth package would do just that.

Bush's new economic package calls for taxpayers to receive rebates up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples. A minimum of \$300 a person and \$600 per couple would be available to those with at least \$3,000 of earned income.

This relief is available for people with adjustable gross income less than \$75,000 for singles and \$150,000 for married couples who file jointly. It is phased out for taxpayers whose income is above those levels.

Anyone eligible for this relief can also receive an additional \$300 per child. On top of this, the new economic package offers incentives to increase business investments. A change in tax codes would allow for

the most urgent economic priority of the moment.

Some question the effectiveness of the plan due to the fact that the checks will not go out for at least 12 weeks.

The opponents of the plan do not think that it will work out as intended. Sen. Bob Corker said, "Congress had taken \$150 billion and thrown it into a mud puddle."

Along with these concerns the tax relief that has been in place for the

last couple of years is set to expire at the end of 2010. If the tax relief is not extended the American people will face tax increases such as the return of the marriage penalty and the death tax. The child tax credit will be cut in half and taxes will go up on regular income, capital gains and dividends. If this happens our jobs and economic growth are sure to suffer. If all goes as planned the package could be in place by March.

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## Smoking ban inhibits Marylanders' right to make their own decisions



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When the clock struck midnight on the first of Feb., a radical new law was put into effect throughout Maryland. The law, dubbed the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007, effectively bans smoking in virtually all indoor public spaces. This law, though it may be argued as being in the best interest of Marylanders, should never have been passed as it violates the property rights of business owners and, more importantly, strips citizens of their ability to make decisions for themselves.

Within the text of the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007, the law is meant to "[prohibit] a person from smoking in indoor areas open to the public except under certain circumstances." The problem with prohibiting people from smoking in areas open to the public is that, while these areas may be open to the public, they are owned by private individuals and therefore are private property. The proprietors of restaurants and bars, individu-

als owning private property, have the right to set the policies of their establishments, including whether or not smoking is permitted. What the law does is to take away the right of business owners to set their own policies and instead gives it to the State of Maryland.

Two reasons have been given in support of the smoking ban. The first is that it is necessary to protect the health of the non-smoking patrons of restaurants and bars. That justification is countered by the simple fact that none of these non-smoking patrons are required to go to a non-establishment where smoking is permitted. There were restaurants that prohibited smoking before the statewide ban that these individuals could have frequented if they desired a smoke-free experience. In addition, as our country operates under a capitalist system, non-smokers could have created a demand for smoke-free establishments, which would have prompted proprietors to supply that demand.

The other justification that is given for the necessity of the smok-

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ing ban is that the health of non-smoking employees needs to be protected. Like patrons, the employees are not being forced to work at any particular establishment. If they are tired of inhaling smoke at their work, they should quit and find a job in a non-smoking establishment. The smoking ban seems to be yet another area where the government has decided that we cannot make decisions on our own behalf. Business owners cannot make the decision to allow smoking or not, patrons cannot make the decision to go to a non-smoking establishment instead of one that allows smoking, employees cannot make the decision to work in a smoke-free or a smoke-filled workplace. The smoking ban, and other paternalistic laws like it, should make us wonder if the government views the citizens who empower it as children to be coddled and overprotected. The Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007, while perhaps noble in purpose, is an insult to our rights as adults.

## U of MD students going green

By Lauren Zarin  
Staff Writer

The idea of going green has infiltrated public awareness in recent months. The topic has been prominent in recent corporate evolution, Congress' agenda, ad campaigns, etc. Among the list of involved parties are teams of college students from around the world whose contributions deserve recognition. One of the most impressive collegiate events is the bi-annual Solar Decathlon, the most recent of which took place in the latter part of 2007.

20 collegiate teams from around the world gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. for the event. The competition, organized by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency, enlists participating teams to design, build and operate an attractive, energy-efficient solar powered home. Solarstream.org describes the Decathlon as an "unparalleled opportunity to educate future leaders in the process of integrated design; to inform the public about environmentally sound, sustainable construction; and to promote the role of efficiency and solar technologies in achieving energy dependence."

Each team was given two years and \$100,000 to create an entry equipped with all of the features and appliances of the typical modern home but run purely on solar energy. The public was invited to tour the Solar Village during the week of the event, when the winner was announced. The judges assigned points according



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to each team's performance in individual categories including architecture, engineering, market viability, comfort zone, appliances, lighting and energy balance. For further information about the event, visit [www.solardecathlon.org](http://www.solardecathlon.org).

The University of Maryland entered a "retro-metro" themed house, the exterior of which was comprised of wood, glass, vegetation and corrugated metal. The team named the project "LEAFHouse" for the inspiration they drew from the leaf, which they call "nature's mechanism for converting sunlight into energy." LEAF stands for "Leading Everyone to an Abundant Future." The house was able to produce more electrical energy than it used, fulfilling the energy balance requirements. SANYO photovoltaic panels collected energy from the sun, converted it into DC power, stored it in batteries, and then converted it into AC power. The team was able to efficiently manage and use the energy with LEAFHouse's Smart House/Adaptive Controls (SHAC) system. The system uses a web-based interface to allow occupants to track and interact with the house's conditions.

Other innovative features of LEAFHouse include the radiant floor heating system, a ductless mini-split air conditioning system, and an indoor waterfall. The waterfall acts as a liquid desiccant dehumidifier, which uses a safe calcium chloride solution to control humidity inside the home. To learn more about LEAFHouse's impressive intricacies, visit the team's Web site ([www.solarstream.org](http://www.solarstream.org)).

LEAFHouse was a huge success, earning first or second place in each individual category and second place overall. The house has been returned to campus and is in a temporary "holding state" until it is ready for use by the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The house is scheduled to be available for tours in early spring 2008.

## Scientology: Religion or Cult?

Anonymous  
Staff Writer

"You don't get rich writing science fiction. If you want to get rich, you start a religion." - L. Ron Hubbard

This quote simply and efficiently sums up exactly what the Church of Scientology is: a cult. Created by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, the Church of American Science and Church of Spiritual Engineering incorporated was established in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1953. No stranger to controversy, various Scientology offices have been raided by the FDA and FBI. They have been protested and banned in Germany, but they remain due to their employment of scare tactics and an aggressive legal team. As a cult, Scientology costs money to join, tears apart families and has been linked to many crimes ranging from theft to death in order to continue to aggressively spread its message. Members call "enemies" of the church "fair game" and say they "may be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist. May be tricked, sued, or lied to, or destroyed."

Scientology's first interaction with the Internet was in 1991, when the newsgroup alt.religion.scientology was jokingly created. On Christmas Eve of 1994, large groups of secret Scientology writings were posted online, which talked about Xenu. According to Hubbard, Xenu was the dictator of the Galactic Confederacy who brought billions of people to Earth 75 million years ago in his space plane, then stacked them around volcanoes and then blew them up with hydrogen bombs. Most likely due to its completely outlandish nature, Xenu is something that Scientologists have tried to hide. Scientologists lawyers contacted members of the group threatening legal action on the grounds of publishing "copyrighted, trademarked, unpublished trade secrets." On Jan. 11, 1995, a church lawyer tried to shut down the group and, a month later, church lawyers and police raided group members, which got attention on CNN and 60 Minutes.

More recently, Scientology has

again reached mainstream attention. Many celebrities who have been brainwashed by [it], including John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Nancy Cartwright (voice of Bart Simpson) and *That 70s Show* stars Danny Masterson and Laura Prepon. The leak of an indoctrination video last month which showed Tom Cruise babbling and laughing nonsensically has rocketed Scientology to mainstream headlines again. The video was removed from YouTube, which left the message: "This video is no longer available due to a copyright claim by Church of Scientology International." Tom Cruise said a lot about nothing, including gems such as "Being a Scientologist, when you drive by an accident, you know you have to do something about it, because you know you're the only one who can really help. We're the way to happiness. We can bring peace and unite cultures." "We are the authority on the mind," and "I will not hesitate to put my ethics on someone else." He mentioned helping people, knowing "it" and educating, though nothing really specific is mentioned.

After the Tom Cruise video leaked, other videos started to appear, including an orientation video. The group drew a large amount of backlash online from both the content and the attempted censorship of the video. The video was apparently considered



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the last straw to many, because as a result, a loosely organized online group called "Anonymous" officially declared war on Scientology. Since the video's release, the online group has done everything from taking down and defacing the Scientology Web site to faxing numerous blank black pages to their offices to waste ink. While shows like *South Park* have poked fun at Scientology and it may seem like a joke to some, many Web sites like [xenu.net](http://xenu.net) and [whyaretheydead.net](http://whyaretheydead.net) bring to light the more sinister aspects of the cult. The most famous case was of death by Scientology involved Lisa McPherson who was a member of the group, and was not allowed psychological care due to it being hated by Scientology. Following a car accident which left her mentally unstable, she was kept in a hotel room for 17 days, where she slowly wasted away. When she was finally brought to the hospital, she was pronounced dead on arrival and was severely dehydrated, underweight and bruised. Despite many attempts to hide the truth by destroying information, stories of suicide by bankrupted members who weren't allowed to leave are common. Most frightening is the group's strong belief that non-members (SPs) must be converted at any cost.

## U of MD students going green Your Vote. Your Voice. Our Future.

By Mary Simonds  
Staff Writer

As I was surfing the web a couple of nights ago, I stumbled upon an interesting statistic. Of young Americans between the ages of 18 and 24, 32 percent vote. Only 45 percent of this age bracket is actually registered to vote, leaving the other 55 percent of the mid 20s population with no chance at exercising the most important right we have as American citizens.

As many students here on campus have probably seen, MTV has launched a "Rock the Vote" campaign, urging young people to go out and vote. They have had presidential candidates like John McCain and Hillary Clinton attend forums at college campuses where they answered students' questions. MTV has even set up a MySpace page so young people can be updated on what is going on in the current election.

Blogs and Facebook groups have also been created with a focus on the upcoming election. So why are young people still not registered?

According to the Higher Education Act of 1998, it is against the law for college campuses not to encourage student voting. In fact, it is a requirement that campuses provide voter-registration forms to every student or they could be at risk of losing their federal funding.

I don't think college campuses do enough to encourage voting among students. It is so simple to supply voter-registration forms, yet many schools do not.

I feel like the government could care less about those of us younger than 30. Why? Because we do not vote. If we want our voices and opinions to be heard then we have to go out and vote.

Many of my friends complain about the war in Iraq, taxes, healthcare, education and welfare but are not even registered to vote. Why



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would the government want to represent us when we aren't using our right to vote? Instead of criticizing and whining about our government, we need to vote to make a difference. This is the future of the United States in our hands, and we don't even realize it.

In the past few elections more young people have been voting, but unfortunately it isn't enough. Show support for the candidate that you feel represents what you believe and encourage your friends to do the same.

According to a book entitled

*Revolution X*, most universities have a population big enough to swing the congressional vote for that district. Imagine what could happen if every college student voted.

Your voice counts. Don't let it be silenced. Register to vote; our future depends on it.

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## WASM database now available for student use

By Leah Dyson  
Staff Writer

This past Jan., Dr. Sarah Case, Salisbury University's Gender Studies chair and member of the History Department, worked with History Department chair, Dr. Marteen Pereboom and Alice Bahr, who heads Blackwell Library, to add a new research port database for students and professors.

*Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000 (WASM)* adds "more than 32,000 pages of documents pertaining to Women and Social Movements" for students to peruse while researching papers.

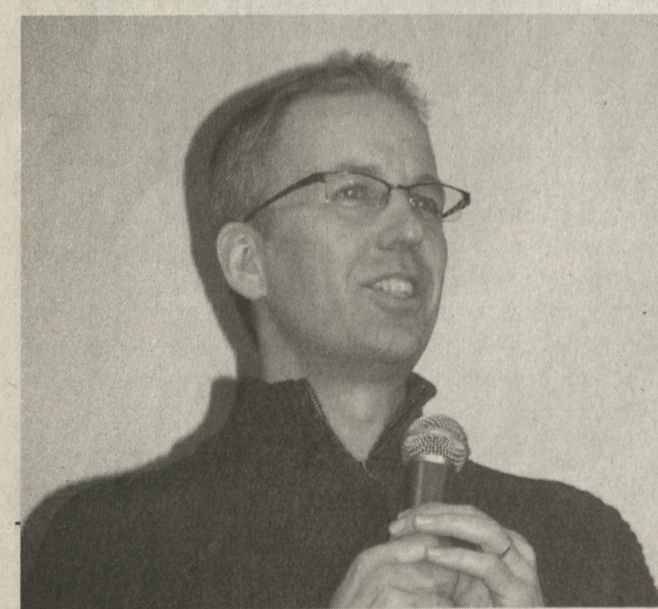
WASM "seeks to advance scholarly debates and understanding at the same time that it makes the insights of women's history accessible to teachers and students."

In March 2004, WASM officially became a quarterly journal and continues to add new document projects, each of which contain a multitude of individual documents pertaining to women in history. The database can be accessed from Blackwell Library's Web site under "Blackwell Buzz" and under "Find Articles and More" in the Research Tools section of the site.

Case encountered the database at different times throughout her education and had seen the site advertised at various history conferences. Before presenting the idea of purchasing access to the database to Pereboom, Case thought, "Wouldn't it be cool if we had this," and felt that departments like Sociology and Political Science could also make use of the documents.

"It actually worked," Case said, after emphasizing that this was not an inexpensive purchase. Funding for the Web site came from both the Blackwell Library and the memorial fund for Jim McCallops, the previous Gender Studies chair at Salisbury University.

## Author Frank Warren: The stranger who collects secrets



Stacie Manger photo

"We think secrets separate us, when in fact, they unite us," author Frank Warren said during his Jan. 31 lecture in Holloway Hall.

By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer

To the untrained eye, it looks like a typical mailbox in a boring suburban neighborhood. Yet this mailbox, number 13345, has captivated the world. Every week this mailbox in Germantown, MD receives around 1000 secrets.

"Hi, my name is Frank and I collect secrets," said Frank Warren, the creator of PostSecret, as he walked onto the stage in Holloway Hall on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Warren began the art project in 2004. He made copies of white postcards with directions to share a secret with him anonymously. It could be anything, as long as it was true.

Some people Warren

approached told him that they did not have secrets. He gave them a card anyway. Once the first cards started to trickle in, he was excited. When Warren got as many as he needed for the exhibition, the secrets did not stop coming in.

"I still feel like a kid on Christmas morning," Warren said, about receiving postcards.

During a phone interview, Warren said he connects with the cards he reads on a daily basis and sometimes they stay with him all day. Warren's lecture explained how everyone has secrets.

"I think there are two kinds of secrets," Warren said during the interview. "There are the secrets we keep from others and the kind we hide from ourselves." He said that we think secrets separate us, when in fact, they unite us.

"I think that [PostSecret] is such an amazing way to show how similar and connected we really are," said senior Betsy Lampo. "If all humanity could realize this message, we would live in a much better world."

The secrets allow everyone to see a fuller view of mankind, Warren said, and he has put one of his secrets in each of his four books. At the lecture, Warren said that his secret happened in the fourth grade when some kids spit in his eyes. Warren's lecture then inspired a few to share their secrets. One of them was Student Access and Awareness President Melissa Burch.

"I have no idea what made me go up there," Burch said. "I just did not want to be referred to as the blind girl. I did not want peo-

ple to use the stereotype anymore."

Since the lecture, Burch has become a fan of Warren's project and his blog. The PostSecret Web site was voted as number five on Yahoo!'s most viewed list in 2006. Warren's blog also helped save the Suicide Hotline by posting information about the program.

"I tapped into something full of mystery and wonder that I [do not fully] understand," Warren said.

Warren said the secrets are a way to help others and ourselves; people's lives have changed because of sending in or seeing secrets.

"We need to understand that we all have secrets," Warren said. "Other people carry burdens similar to our own. So free your secrets, and become who you are."

## Weighing the Issues: SU raises awareness of eating disorders

By Jillian Verpet  
Staff Writer

In a culture increasingly turning its attention towards the obesity epidemic, with about 40 million people in the United States considered obese, very little attention is paid to the other end of the weight problem spectrum. It is estimated that around 10 million Americans battle with eating disorders. To raise awareness about eating disorders and the serious effects they can have on one's health, SU's Student Counseling Services will be sponsoring several events in observance of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week from Feb. 25 - 29.

"Eating disorders are serious, potentially life-threatening conditions that affect a person's emotional and physical health," said Heather McGee, a counselor at SU's Student Counseling Services. "The good news is that through raising awareness about the underlying causes and effects of eating disorders, we can help prevent the development of eating disorders and treat those who are already struggling with them."

Anorexia, bulimia and binge eating are all forms of eating disorders. Many people constantly struggle with body image and weight issues and some resort to intense over-exercising to shed those extra pounds. Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness. They stem from any combination of behavioral, biological, psychological and social issues.

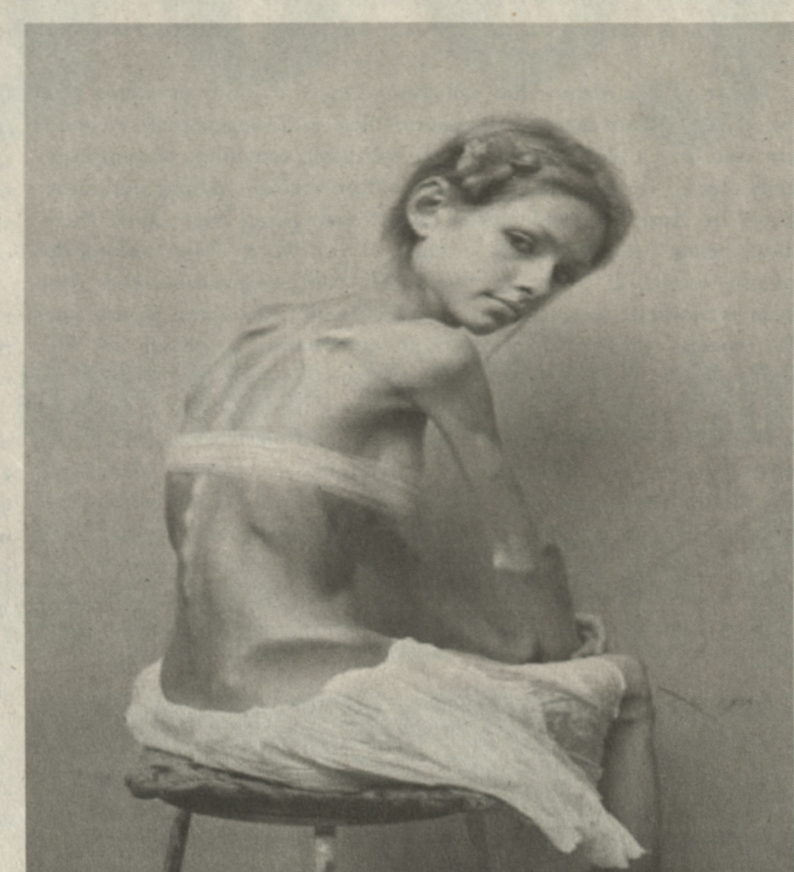
McGee said it is especially important to raise awareness on college campuses because people between the ages of 18 and 25 have the highest risk for developing eating disorders. About 25 percent of college-aged women report that they engage in bingeing and purging to control their weight and about 91 percent have tried to control their weight through dieting.

"The transition from high school to college often entails major upheavals," McGee said. "Students find themselves in a radically new environment filled with new people, expectations and schedules. Many are also away from their family and friends for the first time. Images of thinness in the media and the emphasis on achieving a 'perfect' body can also contribute to the pressure that college students feel to look or seem a certain way."

All of these factors can seem overwhelming. Students may feel a need to exercise control over their lives in an attempt to cope with the changes. Some find that control in their relationship with food, McGee said.

The National Eating Disorder Association first started NEDAW in 1987 in an attempt to expand public understanding of eating disorders, promote prevention and provide access to treatment and support.

In addition to a week of events, SCS is also offering online



tance of being aware of the dangers and the need to get treatment.

SU will kick off NEDAW with "Mirrorless Monday," on Feb. 25, where people are encouraged to stop scrutinizing themselves. On Feb. 26, students are encouraged to wear their clothes inside out, to show that what

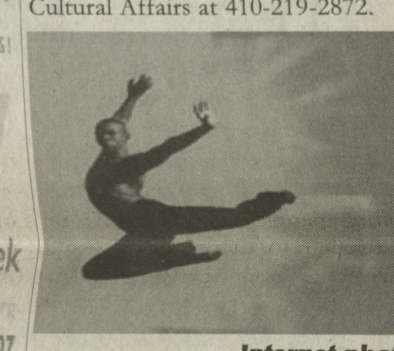
and walk-in screenings for eating disorders.

"Eating disorders are both treatable and preventable," McGee said. "The more we understand about the conditions that trigger and sustain eating disorders, the greater our chances are of preventing and treating them."

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Alvin Ailey II will be presented on Feb. 21 - 22 in Holloway Hall

## From the photo bank: What's happening on campus



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Comedian Nick Thune interacts with the audience at his show in Holloway hall held last Wednesday night.



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Virlene Parker of the Wesley Foundation sets up the group's display for the Student Activities Fair held last Wednesday.



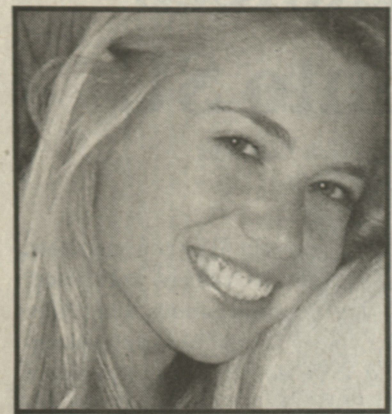
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Students Tiara Dorsey, Anisa Gharbi and Krysten Stream promote the Alvin Ailey II production at the Student Activities Fair.



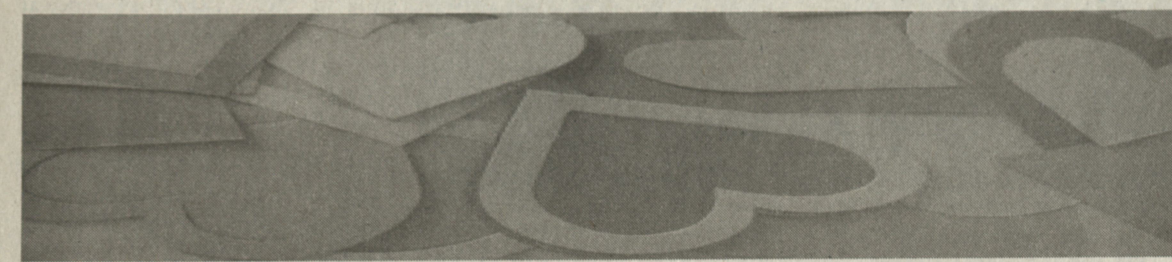
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"I've been hanging out with a girl for a few weeks and with Valentine's Day coming up I want to do something creative but I don't have a lot of money. Any ideas?"

The trick to a memorable Valentine's Day is to find something your sweetheart will not forget. Anyone can pick up flowers, a card or chocolates and have a nice Valentine's Day, but doing something unique, especially created for her will make it even more special. Making her dinner would be impressive and much cheaper than going out. Don't worry about being a gourmet cook as much as you worry about making her favorite foods. If you're not much of a cook, surprise her with food from her favorite restaurant on a candlelit table. For bonus points, send your special someone on a scavenger hunt before surprising her with dinner. Leave notes in places where you know she will find them, giving her clues to what's in store for the night. You could also make her a mixed CD with meaningful songs. Cliché, but hey it is Valentine's Day. You could make a booklet of love coupons. For example: "Good for one free backrub," or "Good for one sunset dinner." If your relationship is more serious, you could write your girl a letter, explaining all the amazing things about her that you love. It doesn't cost anything and is one of the best gifts you can give. If you want to be sentimental, recreate your first date. If you went to dinner and watched a movie, go to the same restaurant and watch the same movie. If you want to take advantage of being so close to the beach, you can bundle up, take her to Ocean City and have a picnic on the beach. Valentine's Day is about spending time with the person you care about most. Relax and just make sure she is happy. Good luck!



## Weekly Greek News: Fraternities and sororities pave the way for success

By Lindsey Dickinson  
Staff Writer

It may be shocking to learn that since 1825, all but three Presidents of the United States have been members of a Greek organization. Also, 42 percent of U.S. Senators, 40 percent of Supreme Court Justices, and 30 percent of U.S. Congressmen were members of college fraternities. In the upcoming election candidates that are members of Greek life include Congressman Ron Paul and Governor Mike Huckabee.

Greek organizations across the U.S. have always proclaimed that one major benefit of joining a Greek organization is that it is a great way to gain leadership experience. Alumni have proven over the years that this statement is in fact true, as many great leaders have had affiliation with Greek organizations.

A few organizations here on Salisbury's campus have notable alumni that have served as President of the United States. To name a few, Ronald Reagan was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and William McKinley was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Greek alumni have also proven their leadership skills by taking over major roles in the business world. 25 percent of all Fortune 500 CEOs were members of college fraternities.

"I think that while being the President of Zeta Tau Alpha I really

learned how to make decisions that were good for everyone, not just what was best for me," said Kori Parker, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "I came across a lot of controversy and I learned how to decide what was in the best interest of the organization."

While these statistics show off great leaders from men's organizations, sororities have very impressive alumni as well. Brigadier General Margaret A. Brewer, U.S.M.C., the First Woman General of the United States Marine Corps was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha as well as Dr. Ellen Taaffe Zwilich who was the first female to win the Pulitzer Prize in music. Melinda Schwegmann was the first female Lt. Governor of Louisiana, and she was a member of Phi Mu. Alpha Sigma Tau's alum Gwen Frostic is a nature artist and environmentalist and was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. Lastly, Carol Bellamy, CEO and President of World Learning, is a previous sister of Delta Gamma.

"I definitely think that being in a Greek organization teaches you amazing leadership skills," said Jaime Somers, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "Through all of the

positions you learn how to deal with different types of people and situations that are not commonly found in other organizations. After four years of this hands-on learning you have really gained great skills."

While this information shows that leadership experience in a Greek organization can very much benefit your future, a leadership position in any organization on campus will prove to help you in your future experiences.

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## People Making a Difference: Heather Holmes

By Kristin Hawkins  
Staff Writer

Many students are members of various organizations located on campus and therefore are aware of the Office of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership (OSAOL).

Heather Holmes is the Director of OSAOL. Holmes fills out paperwork, negotiates contracts and plans the various forms of entertainment that come to SU. She also advises and assists over 100 student-run organizations on campus.

"The best part of this position is the variety," Holmes said. "I was an RA in undergrad and I really liked working with college students."

Over the years Holmes has worked at four different colleges in various positions from residence advisor to student life.

"I loved college and I really loved being a student," Holmes explained, about her decision to stay in the college environment for so long. Students like her as well. "Heather



Heather Holmes, Director of OSAOL

Holmes is the most helpful individual on Salisbury's campus," said senior Brigetta Weatherington. "Even if she doesn't have the answer you're looking for, she can direct you to the right person."

Holmes is always striving to improve. When asked about her goals for the OSAOL office Holmes said, "I want us always to be moving forward and not be comfortable at maintaining what we're doing."

Concerned with the apathetic attitudes of many students, Holmes has diligently worked on the new series of leadership workshops and lectures in an effort to make the Salisbury University community bet-

ter. Holmes hopes the program will encourage students to get passionate about things that affect them not only at Salisbury, but in any aspect of their lives.

Holmes is also a full-time mom. "That's actually a bigger challenge than my job," said Holmes when asked about raising her two children. "I think I'm a pretty good wife too." Her family is not the only thing Holmes is passionate about outside the SU community.

One issue that is very important to Holmes is cancer. Having lost two family members to the disease, Holmes makes it a priority to raise awareness and money for cancer research. She is an avid participant in Salisbury's Relay for Life®.

"I think it is such an important cause," Holmes said. Her fundraising team has earned the largest amount of money for the last three years, and Holmes hopes to continue that streak this year. She strongly believes the student-run Relay for Life® brings the entire campus community together.

Holmes knows what her valuable role in the SU community is. "The biggest thing is to be an educator, a teacher," Holmes said.

## Club Spotlight SU's a Cappella Club

By Katelyn Johnson  
Staff Writer

In past years at Salisbury University, there was no outlet in the club circuit for musically inclined students to showcase their talents. This changed only two years ago when a few students came together with the idea of forming a co-ed, student-run a cappella group. Since then the club has continued to gain momentum.

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There are also a few fun Valentine's Day activities being held on campus

the year. When church fathers sought a way to replace this pagan holiday the answer was found in Valentine. The church declared Feb. 14 St. Valentine's feast day in 498 A.D.

Whether single or in a relationship Valentine's Day can be a fun day to celebrate.

Freshmen Josh Pickett said his girlfriend is driving two and a half hours from Hartford County to visit him for Valentine's Day. "I'm way excited," he said. Pickett said his girlfriend is staying the weekend in Salisbury. Others are celebrating their single life on Valentine's Day.

"I plan on going to parties and making out with random boys," said junior Jessica Carey. Carey also said she plans to be extra sweet to boys, in hopes that someone will send her flowers.

Senior Ashley Matyas said she plans on having a blast with her friends for the holiday.

"I'm probably going to Brew River for Valentine's. They're having a big celebration," she said.

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## 2008 VALENTINE'S DAY

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To the 6th floor Severn, Happy Valentine's Day,  
I love you all!  
Love, Maren K.  
Christina You are the best girlfriend EVER!  
I LOVE YOU!  
XOXO JIMMY

Joey-  
You're the love of my life.  
I don't see what anyone could see in anyone else but you.  
Love, Sarah

# Joey,

You are the hottest boy alive.  
I love you. Love Chris

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To all the Ladies of AST, DG, IM, and ZTA. Happy Valentine's Day Love EAE  
To my Chaniebaby, Happy Valentine's Day. Shawty you're perfect 10, Love Cuffycakes!!! XOXO

Phil, Happy Valentine's Day, You rock! See you on Feb. 22nd at Mainlake Cafe! XOXO Lizzle  
Boats to Tangier, Student Activities  
Love you! XOXO Amber  
Love, Leslie Moose, I wanted to take a second to let you know how much you mean to me. Love, Peter

Babe Happy VDAY!  
I like you. You make me want to sing! But seriously.  
Your Cute. Love Tom  
Dear Carly, I have the CLAP, you should get tested...  
Happy Valentine's Day!

Josh- You're everything to me. Let's share the couch sometime. Love Fagel  
Kelly Let's have that 3some I've been talking about! I know the perfect girl! Love Gary  
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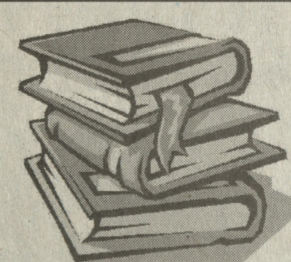
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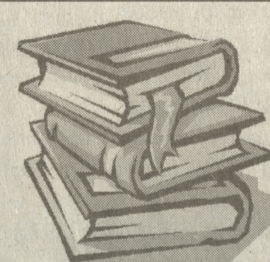


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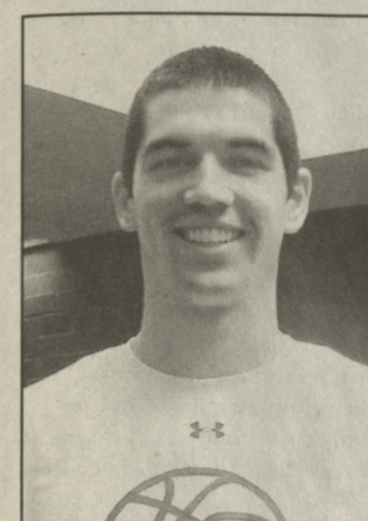
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## Student Athlete Spotlight Gary Ward



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By Ben Muell  
Staff Writer

The 2007-2008 season has not fared so well for the Salisbury University men's basketball team (4-16 CAC 2-9) but senior captain Gary Ward has continued to do his job on the court. Ward is one of two players to start all 20 games this season and is averaging 32.5 minutes per game. Ward is putting up solid numbers, averaging 14.3 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists a game while shooting a solid 78.0 percent from the free throw line. Ward attended Pooleville High School in Montgomery County where he starred in both basketball and football. He is an interdisciplinary studies major and maintains a 3.3 GPA.

Any superstitions?  
I usually wear the same socks for the next game after a win (and yes he washes them).

Are you a college basketball fan?  
Yes, I've always been a Duke fan.

The dark side...I'm sorry for you. Ok, who is your favorite Blue Devil of all time?  
J.J. Reddick. (Out of respect for all the Terps fans out there I refused to include the rest of Mr. Ward's comments)

What are some of your hobbies?  
All sports, really, but I do like spending time outdoors.

Do you play video games?  
Madden, of course.

Which NBA player do you picture yourself like in real life?  
Grant Hill back when he was with the Pistons and before he got hurt and traded.

What's your favorite movie?  
Remember the Titans (he cries every time at the end...just kidding)

What's your favorite food?  
Tuna.

What kind of music do you listen to?  
Both rap and country. I know that's a weird mix.

What did it mean to you personally to be named a captain?  
Good. It's nice to lead the younger guys and to put them on the right track to be successful.

Can you dunk?  
No.

Who would be worse to get dunked on by Coach Holmes or a by a girl?  
Definitely a girl. I would never hear the end of that.

What was your favorite super bowl commercial?  
The one with Will Ferrell in it. I don't remember what it was for. He was just hilarious and he's my favorite actor.

Do you have any future plans for after college?  
I'll be going in to sales with ARG, a company I interned with over the summer.

## Salisbury takes 11th in Directors' Cup

By Chris Brown  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University placed 11th in the fall edition of the 2007 U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup which is presented by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. According to a press release from the organization, The Directors' Cup was developed as a collective effort between NACDA and USA Today with the United States Sports Academy serving as sponsor. All levels of collegiate athletics are ranked from Division I on through Division III, and including the NAIA.

"The Directors' Cup is the official standings for all of Division III athletics," said Sam Atkinson, Director of Sports Information. "Salisbury has placed in the Top 25 six out of the last eight years, and we have won the CAC All-Sports Award the last two years in a row," Atkinson said.

The Directors' Cup ranks over 400 colleges with points being earned for playoff appearances and postseason victories. A final number one ranking earns a school 100 points while second place earns 90 and third is rewarded with 83. Schools can earn points from 18 teams at the maximum provided that there are nine men's teams and nine women's teams.

The Sea Gulls earned points from the No. 2-ranked field hockey team, No. 17-ranked football team, and No. 22-ranked men's soccer team. The Gulls' volleyball and women's soccer team also contributed points. Salisbury was ranked 16th overall on Nov. 22 before rising five spots to number 11 by Dec. 6.

On the strength of a 20-2 regular season record and two wins in the NCAA tournament, the Salisbury field hockey team earned 83 points. The No. 22-ranked men's soccer team was rewarded 50 points for its 16-4-2 campaign in 2007. Football, women's soccer and volleyball all received 25 points apiece. Overall, the school received 208 points for the fall. Last year, the school earned 78 points, and was ranked 65th in the Cup standings. Salisbury was also the highest-scoring Maryland school, finishing 26 places higher than Johns Hopkins.

Washington College in Missouri finished in first with 322 points while a pair of schools from Massachusetts claimed second and third, Amherst with 291 and Williams at 286. Michigan's Calvin College and The College of New Jersey rounded out the top five. TCNJ was ranked ninth in the first round of rankings, but surged into the top five after a ninth place finish in football. Calvin was ranked number one in the 2006-2007 final standings. Seven schools made a return to the top ten from 2006 while two more earned consecutive top 15 finishes.

Williams has finished the last nine seasons atop of the final standings. "Williams has 32 varsity programs while Salisbury only has 21," Atkinson said. Williams offers more obscure men's and women's sports such as crew, squash, golf, ice hockey and a men's wrestling team.

The top four schools, Washington, Amherst, Williams and Calvin earned zero points combined in both field hockey and football. Washington College won a national championship in volleyball while Amherst captured the crown in women's cross country.

The first round of winter standings for the Directors' Cup will be released on March 20 and sports such as men's and women's basketball, ice hockey, swimming and track and field will be scored in order to formulate the rankings. Final winter season scores will be made available to the public on April 3 and the final spring rankings will be available on June 11.

# SPORTS

February 12, 2008

## "Lead by example,"—Lou Holtz

By Theran Dennis  
Staff Writer

The National Society of Leadership and Success, a campus organization that offers leadership opportunities for students here at SU, kicked off their four-part lecture series for the semester with an encouraging speech from legendary college football head coach and best-selling author, Lou Holtz. Holtz, who is currently serving as a football analyst for ESPN's *College Gameday Final*, is currently placed eighth all-time among coaches in victories and is the only head coach to have led four different football programs into the top 20 rankings. He is also a multiple Coach of the Year award winner and credited for guiding struggling programs into championship contenders.

Students viewed the lecture via satellite last Tuesday evening. The speech took place at the University of South Florida, in Tampa, FL. In his inspiring message, Holtz spoke of essential qualities in life that we all must strive for to not only become effective leaders but better people as well.

Holtz began his lecture by stressing points such as having a vision, having a plan, leading by example, holding yourself and others accountable, and making sure everyone around you shares the same core values.

He then urged listeners to become dreamers and to develop a sense of

purpose. He later stressed together-ness and stressed how important it is to motivate and encourage others. "You're successful when you help others become successful," said Holtz. With candor, sharp wit and humor, Holtz shared many of his personal successes and failures, and gave tips on how to remain focused on goals, stating that he has set 108 of them in his lifetime and has accomplished 102 of them.

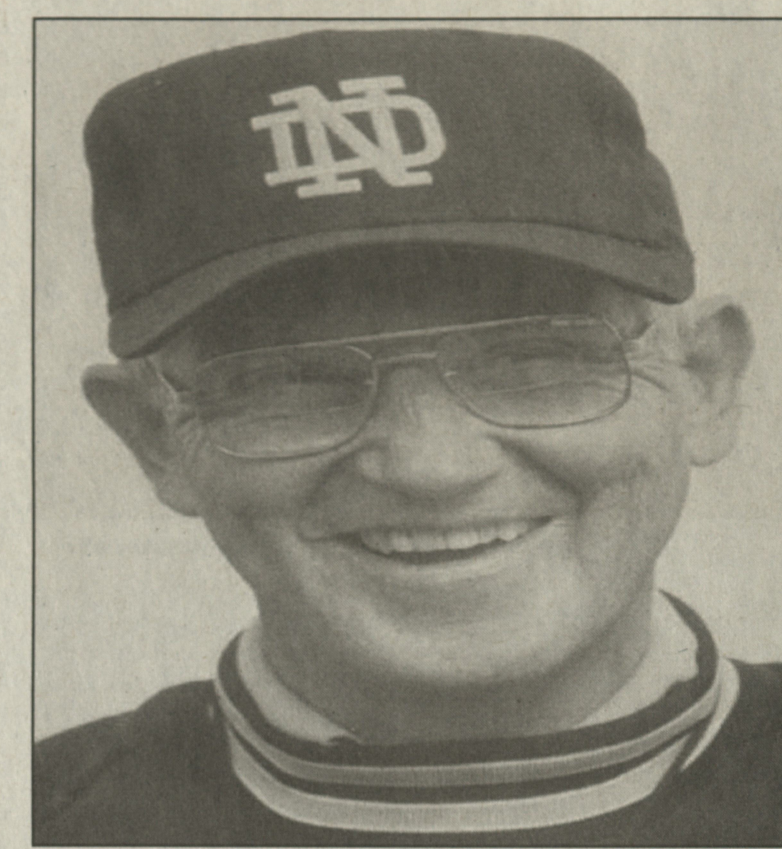
Holtz's lecture reached many in attendance, specifically members of the National Society of Leadership and Success. "I thought it was fantastic. It was a great experience to hear Lou Holtz speak. He's a fantastic coach and a great role model on and off the field," said senior Aaron Boker. Boker, an active member in the National Society of Leadership and Success, was touched by Holtz's lecture and said he left having learned a lot. "If you really want to accomplish something, you need to set goals and go out there and make it happen," said Boker.

Members of the National Society of Leadership and Success filled the audience but non-members were also in attendance. Senior Ian Hunevill said, "He's an amazing speaker. He was funny and easily understood." Hunevill said he left having been inspired by Holtz's

words concerning his coaching philosophy and his ability to motivate players.

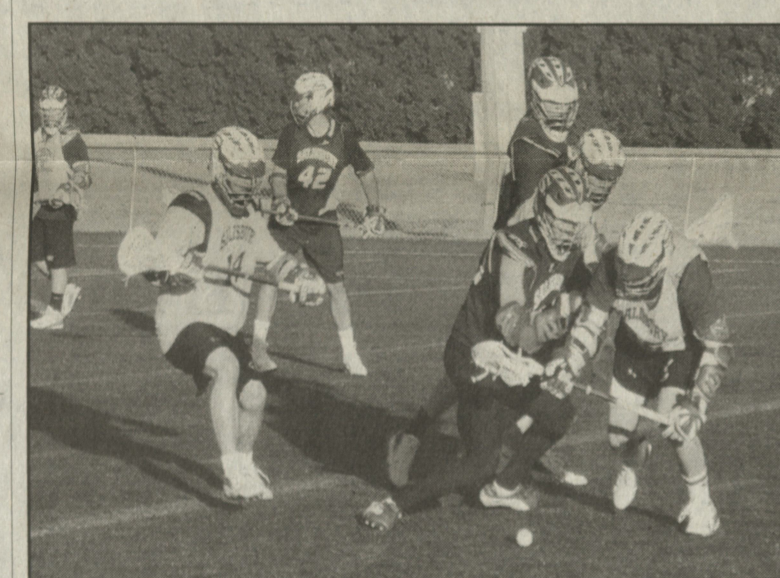
The National Society of Leadership and Success is in conjunction with other campuses nationwide and encourages students to improve themselves and the university as a whole. Heather Holmes, advisor to the SU chapter, explained that the leadership campaign nor-

mally features four lectures per semester which showcases some of the most influential speakers of today. Students who maintain a 3.25 GPA are nominated and then become full members after completing additional requirements. "The level of commitment from the students is impressive. We have 200 pending members," said Holmes.



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## "We don't rebuild, just reload."



By Rachel Grau  
Staff Writer

Seven NCAA Division III national championships, 162 All-Americans, 29 NCAA tournament appearances, 13 Capital Athletic Conference titles, seven national players of the year and 31 national position players of the year, and the 2008 men's lacrosse team is just getting started. For the fifth straight year *Face-Off Yearbook*, the most widely recognized lacrosse publication, has ranked Salisbury as the preseason number one team in NCAA Division III lacrosse. The 2008 men's lacrosse team begins their quest for their eighth national championship against a loaded Division III

field with old faces and new talent.

The team lost talent in the senior class of 2007 including first-team All-Americans Eric Bishop, Matt Dasinger, Luis Gonzalez, Chris Heier, and Division III player of the year Chase Caruso but return with a lot of power and experience. Senior captains Kyle Burto and Kevin Kustron and attackers Matt Hickman and Greg Titus help anchor a solid Gulls offense. Junior Kaylor Berkman, last season Division III Midfielder of the Year and the 2008 preseason player of the year, will continue to be a major threat to all oppositions.

The Gulls will rely on senior long-stick midfielder Ryan Browning and senior defender Ben Sandlin along

with new faces including senior defender Ryan Phillips and sophomore midfielder Conner Bugarst to anchor a solid defense while junior Riley Clark fills the shoes left by All-American Max Zarchin in goal. "The talent coming in has been great. The high level of talent allows us to practice at a much more intense level, which ultimately makes everyone on the field a better player. We definitely have some new freshman that are knocking on the door, and really transforming into good lacrosse players. We also have some great transfers like Pat Bonanno and Jake DeLallo who both will make noise this year in the offensive end," Captain Ben Sandlin said.

Head coach Jim Berkman will look to take his talented team to their third consecutive national championship game. In 2007 Berkman finished his 19th season, leading his team to their seventh national championship. Berkman has a career coaching record of 299-30 and has coached 142 All-Americans and has a perfect 90-0 CAC record over the past 13 seasons. "A lot of credit has to go to our coaching staff. They are made up of a great mastermind in Berkman and a plethora of past players who have dedicated themselves to Salisbury lacrosse," Sandlin said.

The Gulls will be tested often this season facing tough, senior-heavy teams such as Lynchburg College and Virginia Wesleyan and will go on the road to visit No. 2 ranked Gettysburg in March. This year's Sea Gulls team relies on heart and talent and will look to prove that the preseason No. 1 ranking is not just another number. "It's an honor to be named number one in preseason but it does not mean much until you live up to it and keep the ranking at the end of May," Captain Kyle Burto said.



Andrew Baker photo

## The best losers of all-time



By Jeffrey Southworth  
Sports Editor

Tom Brady and the New England Patriots' loss to the New York Giants in Super Bowl 42 proved them to be nothing more than mere mortals after all but their "Pursuit of Perfection" throughout the 2007 season may have done the opposite and immortalized them in football history forever.

The Patriots dominated the regular season in unprecedented fashion, not showing signs of vulnerability until week eight after slipping to the Philadelphia Eagles on a 4-yard Laurence Maroney touchdown run. The Patriots' offense, led by arguably the best quarterback of this generation, Tom Brady, put up astounding numbers throughout the 2007 season, setting every offensive record worth any relevance. The Patriots' offense also saw Brady collect the NFL record for most touchdown passes in a season with 50 and Randy Moss break Jerry Rice's record for most receiving touchdowns in a season with 23, a record thought never to be broken.

Super Bowl whispers started circulating last July when Moss signed to play for the heralded team from Boston while talks of going undefeated started becoming a serious thought after the Patriots came from behind to beat the Indianapolis Colts in week nine.

Did the better team win on Super Sunday or did the Patriots fail to capitalize on perhaps the greatest opportunity of all time? The 2007 Patriots have already been dubbed the greatest (regular season) team of all-time and should be congratulated for putting together an exceptional 18-1 record but where does the loss in Super Bowl 42 leave them and where does it put the New York Giants in history?

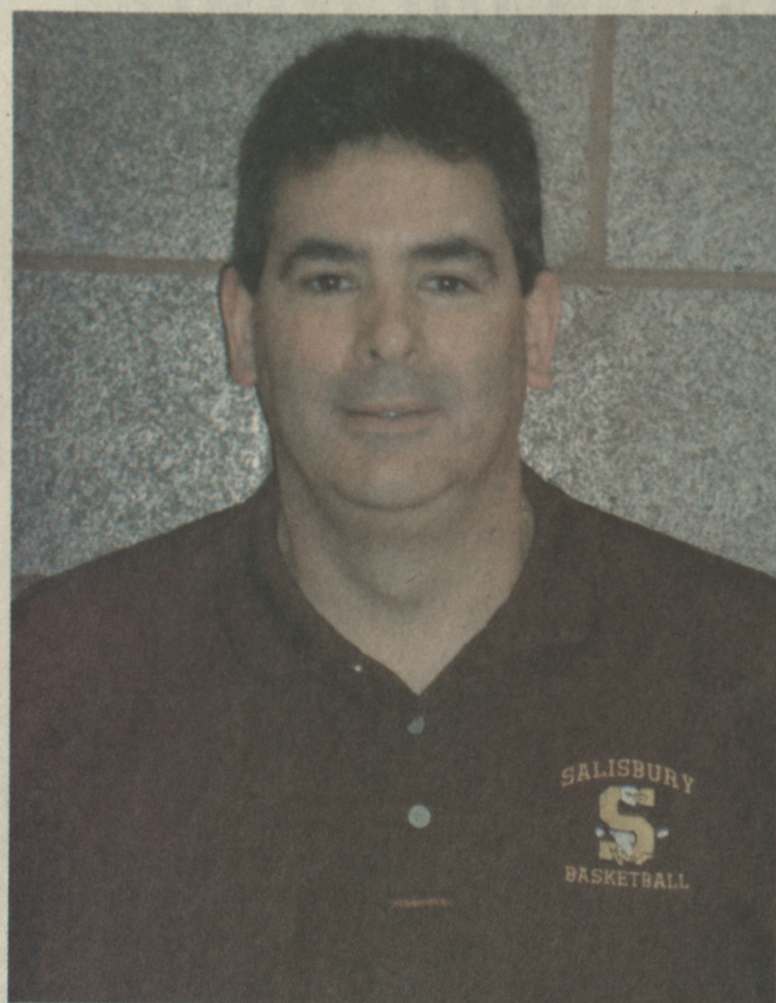
Eli Manning deserves great recognition and a pat on the back for silencing nationwide critics and winning his first Super Bowl ring but to contradict history and old clichés, the loser will be remembered before the winner when

Super Bowl 42 comes up in conversation 15 years from now. The Patriots were immortalized two Sundays ago even after coming up short 17-14 in Phoenix, AZ.

The Giants did not only beat the Patriots, they beat them convincingly, out-playing them from whistle to whistle. Even without bringing up Manning's heroic fourth quarter performance and the relentless pass rush of the Giants' defense, the Patriots were unable to compete with a season long of expectations and were crushed by the opportunity of perfection. The Patriots handled pay gate and week-to-week accusations all on top of winning but came up short when they had a chance to solidify their position in history (as winners) but rather immortalized themselves as the best team of all-time to choke in front of 90 million viewers.



## B-ball Coach Steve Holmes, a man we all should know



Andrew Baker photo

By Erin Hart  
Staff Writer

Coach Holmes is more than just the men's basketball coach. Holmes brings experience and tradition to Salisbury University. Steven Holmes has been surrounded by basketball his whole life, growing up in Plattsburgh, NY with his family who were largely interested in basketball.

Holmes' inspiration for playing and coaching basketball was his father. His was an athletic director and coached high school basketball. "I would have loved to have been coached by my father,"

himself letterman status by the time he graduated in 1983. After graduating, Holmes went on to become a Division III assistant basketball coach for 11 years. Holmes' first head coaching opportunity came at State SUNY Geneseo where he coached for six years before coming to SU. Holmes met with Salisbury's athletic director and was very impressed and knew it was time for a change from the NY climate. He accepted the head coaching position and started his first season in 2000. The Maryland weather and the opportunity to work at the same place as his wife were big factors in Holmes' decision to accept the head coaching job.

Holmes focuses more on the upcoming game and how the team can improve instead of worrying about career wins and losses. Over the past eight seasons Holmes has been coaching at Salisbury he has seen many good players such as Ray Williams and Segun Odumeru pass through. "It is difficult to single out a person when you have coached many good players," Coach Holmes said. Holmes' time at Salisbury has been very rewarding to both his players and himself.

Holmes said he prefers to watch college basketball over pro and surprisingly his favorite college team is Duke. His nine-year-old son, Lucas, wants to go to Duke. One day Lucas could have the opportunity to be coached by his father. "It would ultimately be his choice if he wants to be coached by me, but I would like the opportunity to," Holmes said.

In 10 years Holmes sees himself in the college atmosphere still coaching and helping student athletes. Holmes' main goal and number one priority is helping the Salisbury's men's basketball team get to a higher level of success.

Holmes said. Furthermore, Holmes found inspiration in his older brother who also grew up to become a basketball coach.

Holmes always wanted to be a basketball player. From a young age he was in the gym with his father's team every day and traveled to away games. As he got older his coaching tendencies shined through as he played. Holmes found pride while on the court communicating to his teammates as well as calling the plays and giving encouragement.

Holmes attended Plattsburgh State in New York where he played point guard while earning

## The General: a leader of men

By Phillip Speake  
Staff Writer

One of the most polarizing and victorious figures in collegiate athletics abruptly retired last week when Bobby Knight decided to walk away from his Texas Tech Red Raiders in the middle of the 2007-2008 season. Knight will forever be remembered for his atypical approach to the media and to basketball officials. Knight is most infamously remembered for throwing a courtside chair across the court during a game in 1985. Knight was later accused of choking former player Neil Reed at a daily team practice. Knight denied the accusation but later videotape evidence confirmed the incident and it ultimately led to Knight's dismissal from Indiana University.

Knight, better known as The General, began his coaching career at West Point as the youngest coach in Division I A basketball at the age of 24. Following his stint with the Army, Knight went on to Indiana where he established his legacy. Knight won three national championships with the Hoosiers, including the last perfect season in 1972-1973 when he led the Hoosiers to a 32-0 record. The General retired last week, taking with him the most career coaching victories of all-time: 902. Knight's son Patrick has been hired to take over the Red Raiders.

Knight stressed that things be done the right way in all aspects of life to all of his players. In an era where major college programs have trouble graduating players, Knight graduated a majority of his players by stressing the importance of education. "He always stood for the student/athlete and demanded his players attend class and graduate," said Steve Holmes, head coach of the Salisbury men's basketball team.

Knight never had the blue chip talent of many of his colleagues. He only had one NBA All-Star in Isaiah Thomas. Knight closes the final pages on his historic career

with three national championships, a first place finish in the 1984 Olympics and a National Invitational Tournament championship.

Knight's methods may be questioned and disagreed upon but his accomplishments as a teacher and coach cannot be ignored. "I would bet that the majority of his players feel they are better off after playing for him, as a player and a person," said Holmes. Despite all the controversies, Robert Montgomery Knight will forever be remembered as one of the best teachers and head basketball coaches of all-time.



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### Men's Basketball

The Salisbury University men's basketball team (4-17 CAC 2-10) lost to conference rival York College (16-6 CAC 11-2) last Wednesday. The Gulls ended the game on an 18-3 run only to fall short to the first place Spartans 84-74. The Gulls had four players score in double figures led by Greg Palmer who netted 15 points. Gary Ward scored 13 points and Jonas Vaitkus added 10 points and six rebounds. Brandon Abney filled the stat sheet with 14 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. SU controlled the glass, out-rebounding the Spartans 37-34 but were outscored 18-2 on fast break points. Chad McGowan scored a game-high 23 points leading York in their victory.

Salisbury dropped their second conference game of the week losing to Wesley College (12-9 CAC 7-5) 68-58 on Saturday. For the first time this season SU had two players finish with double-doubles in the same game. Greg Palmer finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds and Gary Ward recorded 16 points and 12 rebounds. The Gulls were down 30-28 at halftime before their bench was outscored 23-3 in the second half. The Wolverines capitalized from the free-throw line converting on 25 of 39 attempts compared to SU who converted on 10 of 23. The Gulls will play Gallaudet on Wednesday Feb. 13 at home.

### Women's Basketball

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (8-13 CAC 5-7)

split a weeklong conference road trip by defeating York College 58-55 on Wednesday and losing to Wesley College 76-68 on Saturday. Chante McKinney hit a game-winning three-pointer with 1:40 left to lead the Sea Gulls to victory against York. McKinney finished the game with seven points. Lindsay Martin scored a game-high 19 points to go along with four rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Salisbury lost to conference foe Wesley College 76-68 after seeing a 14-point halftime lead disappear on Saturday. Monica Merkel led the Gulls with 21 points and grabbed a season-high 15 rebounds. Martin added 12 points while Kylie Hall contributed on both sides of the ball adding nine points and nine rebounds. The Gulls were outscored 51-27 in the second half after shooting 27.0 percent from the field. Michele Mules led the Wolverines with 23 points in their victory.

### Baseball

The No. 26-ranked Salisbury University baseball team dropped their season opener on the road Saturday against Va. Wesleyan 5-4 in 10 innings. The Sea Gulls (0-1) gave up five unanswered runs in the final three innings of the game. The Gulls' bullpen gave up five runs on six hits and one walk. The Gulls led early scoring two runs in the fourth inning. SU first baseman Mike Celenza went 3 for 6 including a two run double in the eighth sending Tyler Riley and Randy Boyle to the plate. SU led 4-0 until the Marlins' Mike Maron hit a two-

run homer in the bottom of the eighth off Gulls pitcher Jordan Crystal. The Gulls put together a late push in the top of the 10th putting runners on first and second but failed to score as Mark Bostwick struck out to end the inning. Adam Keeling was charged with the loss giving up three runs on four hits. Va. Wesleyan pinch hitter Kevin Nally entered the game in the bottom of the 10th inning and drove in the game-winning run on a single, sending C.J. Rhodes to the plate and giving the Marlins their first win of the season. The Gulls play their home opener on Sunday, February 17, against Stevens Tech for a noon double-header.

### Track and Field

Salisbury University competed in Christopher Newport University's Vince Brown Invitational on Saturday. Three school records were broken as the Gulls took to the track in Newport News, VA. Kelly Sullivan broke the oldest school record by running a 10:54.72 in the 3,000-meter run, passing the old mark of 11:00.29 set by Scottie Morris in 2001. Sullivan also holds the school record of 18:53.03 in the 5,000 meter run. Colton Vander Vliet set the school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.03 surpassing Samuel Singleton's time of 52.09 which was set only a week before. Justin Acker posted a new school record in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.60.

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## Student Athlete Spotlight Monica Merkel

By Alex Ruoff  
Staff Writer

Junior guard Monica Merkel leads the women's basketball team in points, averaging 16.6 points a game while accumulating a team-high 332 total points. Merkel was named Capital Athletic Conference athlete of the week for the week of January 15, making her the only Sea Gull on the team to receive the honor. Merkel is from Walkersville, MD, and attended high school at St. John's at Prospect Hall.

"I know I've had a good year, but it's a team effort and we all work hard for every game," Merkel said. "We've had some struggles but I believe that we are better than our record and we have the rest of the season to prove that."

Basketball has been a part of Merkel's life since she was a kid. "I played on my first team in the fourth grade. The game runs in my family," Merkel said, "My mom played and all

my brothers and sisters played. We've a very athletic family."

Injuries and a shortened roster have plagued the Gulls this season but Merkel, along with other team leaders such as Lindsay Martin, have helped the Gulls remain competitive. Merkel attributes her success on the court with hard-work dedication and a never-say-die attitude. Merkel's hard work on and off the court has earned her praise and recognition from the SU community. "I'm a naturally competitive person and I love playing basketball," Merkel said. "My family is very supportive and the team is just great. I've got the support of some great people here on the team and we get along great and can really play as a team. We've got a great coach who's taught us a lot and I could not have done what I did this season without them."

Merkel did not play basketball last year for the Gulls. Instead, she played soccer. "My freshman year I got mono during the end of the season



and had some problems so last season I didn't end up coming out to play, but it's my junior year now and I didn't want to leave here without playing ball again," Merkel said. "I'm glad I did. We're a young team, but we play well together."

The Gulls return to the court on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. against Gallaudet in Maggs Gym for the Coaches vs. Cancer double header. All proceeds through ticket sales and donations will go to the American Cancer Society in support of cancer research, prevention, education, and advocacy services.

## WELCOME BACK SU!

# SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-2/12	Wednesday-2/13	Thursday-2/14	Friday-2/15	Saturday-2/16	Sunday- 2/17	Monday- 2/18
	Women's Basketball vs. Gallaudet- Home 5:30 p.m. Coaches vs. Cancer		Swimming CAC Championships TBA @ St. Mary's City, MD	Men's Basketball vs. York (Pa.) 4 p.m.  Men's Lacrosse vs. Va. Wesleyan Noon @ Home  Men's/Women's Basketball vs. Villa Julie 2 p.m., 4 p.m. @ Home Wear pink for breast cancer awareness!	Swimming CAC Championships TBA @ St. Mary's City, MD  Baseball Stevens Institute, Noon @ Home DH - Doubleheader	